in India as these banks have branch net work only in the metropolitan/port centres and they are not in a position to extend credit facilities to priority sector borrowers in the rural areas such as agriculture, village and cottage industries, artisans, etc. In view of this position, the priority sector lending target and sub-targets stipulated for domestic banks have not been uniformly made applicable to the foreign banks operating in India. The priority sector lending target and sub-targets stipulated for the domestic banks and the foreign banks operating in India are given below :—

Category of Advances	Percentages of net bank credit (NEC)
DOMESTIC BANKS	
1. Priority Sector Advances	40
2. Advances to Agriculture	18
3. Advances to weaker Sections	10
4. Advances to Small borrowers within the SSI segment . .	40% of SSI advances
5. DRI Advances	1% of total advances at the end of previous year.

FOREIGN BANKS OPERATING IN INDIA

1. Priority Sector advances (to be achieved by end of March, 1994) .	32
2. Export Credit	10
3. Advances to SSI	10

Telephone Connections in the Rural Areas

*176. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

With the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of villages State-wise which have been provided with telephone connections in 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and so far in 1993-94 together with the targets fixed for each State ;

(b) what is the State-wise percentage of telephones installed in the villages which are in good working condition ; and

(c) what is the average cost of installation and maintenance of a rural telephone and whether Government have evolved any suitable methodology to make them financially viable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) As a first step Government of India have decided to provide telephone facility in the Panchayat villages progressively by 31-3-1995 subject to availability of resources.

The details in respect of such Panchayat villages are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 36].

(b) The details are given in the Annexure (*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 36).

(c) (i) The average cost of installation of a rural telephone ranges upto Rs. 1.25 lakhs (Approx).

(ii) The average cost of maintenance of a rural telephone will depend upon terrain and its location may range from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 20000/- per annum.

(iii) The public telephones in Panchayat villages are being provided with STD facility progressively wherever feasible. Such telephones are likely to become financially viable with increased usage by the villagers by the end of 8th Plan period.

Malfunctioning of Telephones in Hubli

*178. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that because of Cross-Bar and overaged Strowger Exchanges, the telephones in Hubli are malfunctioning; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to replace these equipments with Automatic Exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a). However 1500 lines of strowger exchange which have completed life are being replaced by electronic exchange by March, 1994.

दूरदर्शन धारावाहिकों को स्वीकृति

*179. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या धारावाहिक पुनरीक्षा समिति की बैठक में अस्वीकृत किए गए दूरदर्शन धारावाहिक उक्त समिति को पुन: प्रस्तुत करके स्वीकृत कराए जा सकते हैं : –

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) ऐसे धारावाहिकों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिन्हें गत एक वर्ष के दौरान पहली बार अस्वीकृत कर दिया गया लेकिन बाद में इन्हें मंजूरी दे दी गई ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) :

(क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। उक्त स्कीम में उन प्रस्तावों को पुन: समीक्षा का प्रावधान नहीं है जिन्हें नामंजूर कर दिया गया है।

(ग) इस प्रकार का कोई मामला नहीं हुआ है।

Problems of Employees in Ancillary Telecommunication Units

@ 1367. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several thousand employees in small and medium indigenous ancillary telecommunication units are on the verge of losing their jobs as they were laid off consequent to the financial burden imposed on these units;

(b) whether this financial crunch is the result of the placing of order by-DOT direct with foreign suppliers in lieu of these indigenous units for the last six months; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that workers of such indigenous units do not lose their jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (b).

Vacation of Residential Premises Occupied by MTNL in Bombay

1368. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decisions to vacate some residential premises being occupied by the

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@ Previously unstarred Question 352, Transferred from 6th December, 1993.